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Ms. Connie Murphy  
General Counsel  
Kentucky Registry of Election Finance  
140 Walnut Street  
Frankfort, KY 40601-3240

Dear Ms. Murphy:

I am writing to request an official opinion from your agency as to our organization's legal right to establish a political action committee (PAC) and to partially fund it with membership dues. Funding for this committee would come primarily from voluntary contributions from members of two affiliates of the American Federation of Teachers. The two affiliates are The Kentucky Association of State Employees (KASE) which is made up of members who primarily work for Kentucky state government and the Technical Faculty and Staff Alliance (TFSA) which is made up of members who primarily work for the Kentucky Community and Technical College System and for the University of Kentucky. We do not plan to solicit contributions from state merit employees although many of these employees are members of KASE.

We would also hope to solicit additional contributions for the committee from our national affiliate, the American Federation of Teachers (AFT). Any contribution from the AFT would be made out of funds that are derived from dues collected from its public employee members who work throughout the country.

We would greatly appreciate your opinion on our legal ability to establish such a PAC.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Wells  
Executive Director